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THE STATUS OF *CANCELLARIA NASSIFORMIS* SEGUENZA, 1880 (**)

Summary

Cancellaria nassiformis SEGUENZA, 1880 is a primary juniors homonym of *Cancellaria nassiformis* LESSON, 1842. A list is given of the nominal subspecies which have been proposed for *C. nassiformis* SEGUENZA, one of which must become the nominotypical subspecies.

Riassunto

Cancellaria nassiformis SEGUENZA, 1880 è omonimo primario più recente di *Cancellaria nassiformis* LESSON, 1842. Viene presentato un elenco di sottospecie nominali che furono proposte per *C. nassiformis* SEGUENZA e una di queste dovrà diventare sottospecie nominativa.

Cancellaria nassiformis SEGUENZA, 1880, is a well-known species of the Later Tertiary of southern Europe for which six nominal subspecies (varieties of the older literature) have been proposed. It is placed in the genus *Babylonella* by recent authors.

Seguenza's name is unfortunately preoccupied by *Cancellaria nassiformis* LESSON, 1842. Even though Lesson's species is a *Nassarius*, as shown by PETIT (1984:330), the names are primary homonyms and the junior homonym must be replaced.

The following names were proposed, or have been treated by later authors, as subspecies or varieties of *Cancellaria nassiformis* SEGUENZA:

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Cancellaria dregeri HÖRNES & AUINGER, 1890: 780, pl. 33, figs. 18, 19 [treated as a variety of *C. nassiformis* SEGUENZA by SACCO (1894) and SIEBER (1936)].

Admete nassiformis var. *laevicolumella* SACCO, 1894:73, pl. 3, figs. 97a, b.

Admete nassiformis var. *quatuorcostata* SACCO, 1894:73, pl. 3, fig. 98.

Admete nassiformis var. *caudatior* SACCO, 1894:73, new name for *C. dregeri* H. & A., figure 19 only.

Admete nassiformis spinosa SANGIORGI, 1926:104, pl.7, fig. 22.

Babylonella nassiformis profunda TABANELLI, 1985:21, figs. 1-5.

It is probable, judging from published figures, that one or more of Sacco's varieties are not subspecifically distinct, and one may be elevated to replace the preoccupied *C. nassiformis* SEGUENZA. *Cancellaria dregeri* HÖRNES & AUINGER, 1890, cited as a variety of Seguenza's species by SACCO (1894:73) and SIEBER (1936:103), will become the nominotypical subspecies if the relationship of *C. dregeri* and *C. nassiformis* was correctly interpreted by SACCO and SIEBER. These determinations should be made by someone having access to pertinent type material and collections.

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